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**Betsey Bayless**  
**Secretary of State**

**CHAPTER 9**

**HOUSE BILL 2398**

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING LAWS 1999, FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 14; RELATING  
TO PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS.**

**(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)**

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Laws 1999, first special session, chapter 4, section 14 is  
3 amended to read:

4 Sec. 14. Early childhood block grant; deadline for  
5 accreditation of preschool programs

6 A. Notwithstanding section 15-1251, subsection C, paragraph 2, Arizona  
7 Revised Statutes, all sites receiving funding under the early childhood block  
8 grant program during fiscal year 1999-2000 shall be accredited by July 1,  
9 1999, except that they may operate on a provisional basis if they provide  
10 evidence that shows that they are in the process of becoming accredited.  
11 These sites shall attain accreditation no later than July 1, 2000 to be  
12 eligible for program funding in ~~fiscal year 2000-2001 and subsequent fiscal~~  
13 ~~years.~~

14 B. NOTWITHSTANDING THE JULY 1, 2000 ACCREDITATION DEADLINE IN  
15 SUBSECTION A, THE AGENCY ADMINISTERING THE BLOCK GRANT MAY EXTEND THE  
16 ACCREDITATION DEADLINE FOR ANY SITE THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT IT IS REASONABLY  
17 WORKING TOWARD BECOMING ACCREDITED.

18 ~~B. C. New Sites are eligible to~~ THAT DID NOT participate in the  
19 program IN THE PRIOR FUNDING YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM  
20 if they have applied for and are working toward accreditation OR ARE  
21 ACCREDITED. ~~These~~ Sites THAT ARE NOT ACCREDITED shall become accredited  
22 within eighteen months after ORIGINALLY receiving monies.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 6, 2000

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 7, 2000